GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRCT

Agricultural Marketing Department — Procurement of Turmeric under MIS for Crop season 2021-22 - Appointing AP MARKFED as Nodal Agency — Orders -Issued.

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AGRICULTURE & COOPERATION (MKTG. II) DEPARTMENT

G.O.Rt.No.345 Date:27.05.2022

Read the following:-

1. G.O.Ms.No.27, Agriculture and Cooperation (MKTG-II) Dept., GoAP, dated:09-01-2020.
2. G.O.Ms.No.31, Agriculture and Cooperation (MKTG-II) Dept., GoAP, dated13-01-2020.
3. G.O.Rt.No157, Agriculture and Cooperation (MKTG-II) Dept., GoAP, dated19-02-2020
4. From the Managing Director, AP Markfed, Vijayawada Lr No. Rc No. P&M/Turmeric /MIS/2021-22 date:11-05-2022 addressed to Principal Secretary to Government, Agriculture Marketing &Cooperation.

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ORDER:-

In the reference 2nd read above, Government have declared Minimum Support Prince (MSP) for Fair Average Quality Turmeric as Rs. 6850/- per Qtl. Due to steep fall of Turmeric prices in the State, action has been initiated to request the Government of India to implement Market Intervention Scheme (MIS) for Turmeric.

2. The Managing Director, A.P. Markfed in the reference 4th read above has submitted a proposal for procurement of Turmeric under MIS during crop season 2021-22 in State Government Account due to steep fall of Turmeric prices in the State and requested the Government to arrange the required working capital and also to issue guidelines /instructions in the matter.

3. Government after careful examination of the proposal of Managing Director, A.P. Markfed, here by order to procure Turmeric by AP Markfed under MIS during crop season 2021-22 with the following modalities to ensure that farmers get remunerative price and relieve them from distress sale and also to protect the interest of the small and marginal turmeric farmers.

4. The modalities for procurement of Turmeric on MSP under MIS in the State Government Account are as follows:-

a) The Procurement period will be from 01-06-2022 to 31-07-2022.

b) Initial quantity of 30,000 M.Ts of Turmeric will be procured, under MIS scheme. AP Markfed is nominated as nodal agency for procurement of Turmeric under MIS for the crop season 2021-22.

c) The Turmeric stocks that are meeting FAQ parameters are to be procured at Minimum Support price of Rs. 6850/- per Quintal FAQ grade specifications are enclosed (Annexure-I &II).

d) The stocks will be procured directly from the genuine farmers who are registered in e-Karshak/e-crop portal of the Department of Agriculture/Horticulture and who have registered in CMAPP.

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e) The procurement centers will be at the RBK level. The procurement centers/agencies will be decided by the District Administration in the District Level Procurement Committee meeting as per the area and production details given by the Department of Agriculture/ Horticulture.

f) The entire procurement operations will be done through AP Markfed own e-procurement platform i.e., CMAPP (Continuous Monitoring of Agricultural Prices and Procurement).

g) The Government has decided to involve good working District Co-operative Marketing Societies (DCMS), Primary Agricultural Cooperative Societies (PACS), AMCs, FPO's, Village Organizations (SHGs) as Agencies for taking up procurement operations at the RBK level.

h) The District Collectors shall provide all necessary assistance to the A.P.MARKFED in the implementation of Turmeric MSP operations and ensure wide publicity.

i) To pass on the benefit of the scheme to more number of small and marginal farmers the maximum acceptable quantity from each farmer is restricted to 30 Qtls only or actual whichever is less.

j) The procured stocks will be disposed of in the open market to ensure maximum realizable price to reduce the losses on the Government account. If necessary, this can also be sold to processing units, within the period of three months of the completion of the MIS operations.

k) In order to avoid recycling, the stock should not be sold in the same market/ State from where it has been procured during the period of the scheme. However, if the prices are better it can also sold locally.

l) A.P.Markfed shall furnish daily/weekly reports indicating procurements made under the scheme and the ruling market prices.

m) The State Government will arrange the working capital for AP Markfed for procurement of the requisite quantity of the commodity under the scheme from price stabilization Fund. In case of exigency, to make timely payment to the farmers, A.P. Markfed is permitted to raise loans from Commercial Banks and the interest amount shall be reimbursed from State Government PSF.

5. The quality of the stocks will be verified and assayed by the Quality Assayers provided by the Quality-Assaying Agency, which is finalized by the Commissioner Agricultural Marketing. It is their responsibility to ensure that only FAQ stocks are accepted at the procurement center and are liable for appropriate action if quality complaints on stocks arise at a later date.

6. The District Manager, A.P.MARKFED concerned will be the overall in-charge to ensure the quality, weighment, dispatch and storage of stocks in Scientific godowns/ cold storage points identified in the DLPC of the concerned District.

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7. Any deviation found with reference to FAQ specifications will be viewed seriously and responsibility will be fixed on the members of the team concerned.

8. In the Districts, under the Chairmanship of the Joint Collector (RB&R), a committee shall be constituted with JDA, DD Horticulture, PD DRDA; DCO; DSO; AD, Mktg.; AC Legal Metrology, Manager SWC, District Manager, AP Markfed and an Assayer as decided by the JC to ensure effective implementation of MIS operations of Turmeric. This Committee shall also decide the Transportation/gunnies/unloading rates etc. for effective procurement operations if the same are not finalized by the State Level Committee.

9. The District Collectors of concerned districts will take necessary steps for smooth conduct of procurement operations. To avoid rush at procurement centers coupons may be issued. The arrivals will be regulated to the manageable limits by giving village wise/mandal wise programs to the farmers to bring their produce on specified days dates, so that the teams deployed at the centers can grade, certify quality, Weigh and dispatch the stocks to the various cold storages/godown points on the same day.

10. The procured Turmeric stocks should be stored in scientific godowns preferably with CWC/AP State Warehouse Corporation. Small AMC godowns/ private godowns with small capacities should be avoided.

11. The Warehousing Agencies viz; CWC/ SWC Authorized collateral Managing agencies like Star Agri/AWSL/NBHC etc. shall also provide space for storing the procured stocks of Turmeric. Necessary instructions shall also be issued to all the Warehouse Managers to record the accurate weighment, moisture, etc., both at the time of depositing the stocks and at the time of delivery of the stocks. The Warehouse Managers of SWC/CWCand other service providers shall verify the quality as per FAQ specifications and record the same as FAQ stocks in stock acknowledgement/ warehouse receipts.

12. The A.P.Markfed in coordination with Marketing Department shall arrange to position necessary equipments like tarpaulins, Moisture meters, weighing machines and earmark necessary sheds and godowns in the market yards. Similarly the A.P. MARKFED District Managers should also inspect the available necessary equipments at the procurement centers well in advance in order to make use of such equipments at the time of procurement. Agricultural Market Yard Secretary should also ensure to provide sufficient weighment and hamalis in the Market Yards.

13. The Marketing Department and the District Collectors shall take action to ensure the adequate publicity is given to the farmers through press, electronic media, beat of drum (tom-tom), leaflets etc., to create awareness among the farmers about the MSP operations and FAQ specifications, the location of procurement centers and the procedure being followed for procurement of Turmeric under MSP. All the required details to be displayed at the Village Secretariats in all the Turmeric growing villages.

14. The farmer payments may be paid through online CMAPP Aadhar based accounts only.

15. Commission @ 2.5% on procurement of Turmeric will be provided to the purchasing agency i.e. AP Markfed for conducting these operations in addition to other administrative expenses involve thereof.

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16. After completion of Turmeric procurement in the State Government Account, the disposal of the Stocks will taken under the guidance of State Level Procurement Committee(SLPC).

17. AP MARKFED will be allowed incidental charges on actual which include godown charges, packing material, loading /un-loading, commission, transportation, grading and packing stitching charges and hamali charges etc.

18. After disposal of the stocks, Managing Director, AP MARKFED shall submit finalized accounts duly audited by statutory Auditors for reimbursement of losses incurred, if any in the transaction i.e., the difference between the Cost of acquisition and sale Price realized shall be borne by the State Government from Price Stabilization Fund.

19. The Managing Director, AP MARKFED is requested to take necessary action accordingly.

20. This order issues with the concurrence of the Finance Department vide their U.O.No. Fin.U.O.No:FIN01-FMU0ASD(AC)/46/2022 Dt:23.05.2022.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

Y.MADHUSUDHANA REDDY,
PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

To
The Managing Director, AP MARKFED, Vijayawada.
Copy to :-
The Commissioner of Horticulture, Guntur.
The Special Commissioner of Agriculture, Guntur.
The Commissioner and Director of Agriculture Marketing, Guntur.
The Commissioner for Cooperation & Registrar of Cooperative Societies, Guntur.
All the District Collectors .
The PS to Additional Secretary to Chief Minister.
The PS to Minister(Agriculture, Cooperation & Marketing).
The PS to C.C RBKs and Special Chief Secretary to Government(Agri)
The P.S to Principal Secretary (Marketing & Cooperation).
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Enclosures:-ANNEXURES-I & II

ANNEXURE – I to G.O.Rt. No:345 Dated: 27.05.2022

GRADE DESIGNATIONS AND DEFINITION OF QUALITY OF TURMERIC 'FINGERS' PRODUCED IN ANDHRA PRADESH

General Characteristics:-

1. The Turmeric 'fingers' shall be primary rhizomes of the plant "Curcuma longa L".

2. They shall

   a) Be well set and closely grained and be free from bulbs (primary rhizomes) and ill-developed porous fingers;

   b) Have the shape, length, colour and characteristic of the variety;

   c) Be perfectly dry and free from damage caused by weevils, moisture, over-boiling or fungus attack except that 1.0 per cent and 2.0 per cent by weight of rhizomes damaged by moisture and over–boiling should be allowed in grades good and fair respectively.

   d) Not have been artificially colored with chemicals or dyes.

Special Characteristics					
Grade Designation	Flexibility	*Pieces, % by Wt. max	Foreign matter, % by Wt. max	Chura and defective bulbs % by wt. max	% of bulbs by wt. max
1	2	3	4	5	6
Good (first Grade)	Should be hard to touch and break with metallic twang	3	1.5	1.0	3.0

Note: Foreign matter includes chaff, dried leaves, clay particles, dust, dirt and any other extraneous matter. Length shall be reckoned from one tip of the finger to the other tip longitudinally. Colour of core and flexibility shall be reckoned from fingers freshly broken with hands. Chura and defective bulbs include immature small fingers and bulbs, internally damaged, hollow and porous bulbs, cut bulbs and other types of damaged bulbs, except weevilled bulbs.

* Pieces are fingers, broken or whole, 15 mm or less in length.

Y.MADHUSUDHANA REDDY,
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ANNEXURE – II to G.O.Rt. No:345 Dated: 27.05.2022

GRADE DESIGNATIONS AND DEFINITION OF QUALITY OF TURMERIC 'BULBS' PRODUCED IN ANDHRA PRADESH

General Characteristics:-

1. The Turmeric 'Bulbs' shall be primary rhizomes of the plant "Curcuma longa L".

2. They shall

   a) Be well developed smooth, sound, soft and free fromrootlets.

   b) Have the shape, length (not below 15mm), colour and characteristic of the variety;

   c) Be perfectly dry

   d) Be free from damage caused by weevils, moisture, over-boiling or fungus attack except that 0.1 per cent and 0.2 per cent by weight of rhizomes damaged by moisture and over–boiling should be allowed in grades good and fair respectively.

   e) Not have been artificially colored with chemicals or dyes.

Special Characteristics		
Grade Designation	Foreign matter, % by Wt. max	Chura and defective bulbs % by wt. max
1	2	3
Good (First Grade)	1.5	3.0

Note: Foreign, matter includes chaff, dried leaves, clay particles, dust, dirt and any other extraneous matter. Length shall be reckoned from one tip of the bulb to the other tip longitudinally. Colour of core and flexibility shall be reckoned from bulbs freshly broken with nut cracker. Chura and defective bulbs include immature small bulbs, internally damaged, hollow and porous bulbs, cut bulbs and other types of damaged bulbs, except weevilled bulbs.

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PRINCIPAL SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT.

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